





# THE COMMONWEALTH.

## KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

### IN SENATE.

THURSDAY, Jan. 24.

The Senate was opened with prayer by Rev. W. McD. ABBETT, of the Methodist church.

The Journal of yesterday was read by the clerk.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE H. R.

Was received, announcing the passage of sundry bills which originated in that House, and the passage of a Senate bill for the benefit of Fleming county.

### A PETITION.

Was presented by Mr. GILLIS, and appropriately referred.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. CISELL—Judiciary—A bill to amend the charter of the Covington and Cincinnati Bridge Company: ordered to be printed.

Mr. TAYLOR—Internal Improvements—A bill to incorporate the Franks and Hildreth's turnpike road company: passed.

Same—A bill to amend the charter of the Stauping Ground and LeCompte's Run turnpike road company: passed.

Same—A bill to further amend the law in relation to the Whitley road: passed.

Mr. FISK—Revised Statutes—A bill to charter the Louisville Union Benevolent Association: passed.

### SPECIAL ORDER FOR 10 O'CLOCK.

A bill to repeal chapter 1287 of Session Acts of 1859-60, entitled, "an act regulating fees for arresting runaway slaves," reported by the Judiciary Committee yesterday, was taken up as a special order.

Mr. CISELL explained and advocated the bill, and the bill then passed.

### NOTES—SENATE'S RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON, the Senate took up the H. R. amendment to his resolutions adopted by the Senate some days since.

Mr. CISELL moved a postponement until to-morrow: negatived.

The H. R. amendment, which suggests Mr. Crittenden's propositions as a basis for a settlement by a National Convention, was then adopted by a unanimous vote of 37 to 0.

Mr. WAIT being absent on leave.

Mr. GROVER offered a resolution instructing the committee on the Library to enquire into and report how many copies of Wickliffe's edition of the Revised Statutes belonging to the State are now on hand, where they are kept, and what is their condition: adopted.

### LEAVES GRANTED.

Leave was granted to bring in the following bills, which were appropriately referred, viz:

Mr. GLENN—A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to sell the surplus copies of Stanton's Revised Statutes.

Mr. RUST—A bill to amend the law in relation to the Penitentiary.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Geo. W. Kouns, of Carter county.

Mr. JENKINS—A bill for the benefit of school district No. 37, in Ballard county.

Same—A bill for the benefit of M. J. Smith.

Mr. RHEA—A bill to charter a company to build a bridge over Muddy river at Rochester.

Same—A bill to change the time of the levy term of the Logan county court.

Same—A bill to increase the compensation of Justices for certain purposes.

Mr. ROSSEAU—A bill to amend chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes.

Same—A bill for the benefit of D. S. Brown and others.

Mr. PENNEBAKER—A bill to regulate the fees of constables.

Same—A bill to regulate the fees of justices.

Mr. DAVIDSON—A bill for the benefit of E. Easterlin, of Morgan county.

Mr. TAYLOR—A bill to provide for the sale of the Lexington and Big Sandy railroad.

Mr. IRVAN—A bill to change the time of the circuit courts in Calloway and Marshall counties.

Mr. WHITAKER—A bill for the benefit of the Whitesville and Mt. Eden turnpike road company.

Mr. WALKER—A bill to protect the citizens of this Commonwealth against the small pox.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. WALTON at 11 o'clock the Senate took up the orders of the day, there being no other business before the Senate.

Mr. WHITAKER concluded his remarks on referring Mr. RHEA's resolutions to the committee on Federal Relations: interrupted by the adjournment on yesterday.

Mr. READ advocated the reference, and moved the previous question, which was ordered by yeas 21; nays 16.

The vote was then taken upon the reference, and it was ordered by yeas 22; nays 15.

The H. R. resolutions on the subject of coercion were then taken up.

Mr. BRUNER moved that the resolutions be referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. IRVAN moved that the committee be instructed to report on Saturday: negatived.

The vote was then taken on referring the resolutions to the committee on Federal Relations, and it was decided in the affirmative by yeas 24; nays 13.

A H. R. bill for the benefit of the common schools in Shelby and Knox counties was taken up.

Mr. CISELL offered an amendment to the bill to extend the provisions to the county of Webster, which was adopted: the bill was then referred to the committee on Education.

A H. R. bill for the benefit of Wm. M. Edington, administrator of Wm. Phillips, deceased: passed.

A H. R. bill for the benefit of the Fayette county court: passed.

A H. R. bill to establish a circuit court in Wolfe county: passed.

A H. R. bill to amend the charter of the Paris and Bethel turnpike road company: passed.

At 4 then the Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Jan. 24, 1861.

Prayer by the Rev. D. T. Lacy, of the Presbyterian church.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

### PETITIONS.

Were presented by the SPEAKER (Mr. MERRITT), GOODLOE, TERRY, SNEED, (remonstrance), TYE, McELROY (2), and appropriately referred.

### BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. TERRY—A bill for the benefit of J. W. Hutchinson, of Elkton, Todd county: passed.

Mr. SHAWHAN—Privileges and Elec-

tions—A bill to establish an additional justice district in Jefferson county: passed.

Same—A bill to establish an additional voting district in Larnie county: passed.

Same—A bill regulating the election of State officers in the county of Webster: passed.

Same—A bill to change the line of an election district in Harrison county: passed.

Mr. ABELL—Claims—A bill for the benefit of Martin Looker & Co., of Louisville. [Refunds \$300, amount overpaid for tax on billiard tables:] placed in orders of the day.

Mr. BURNHAM—Corporations—A bill to incorporate Bell City, in Crittenden county: passed.

Mr. TYE—Select Committee—A bill to regulate the time of holding the Whitley quarterly court: passed.

Mr. IRELAND—Select Committee—A bill repealing an act, entitled, an act providing for the payment of the county debt of Greenup county: passed.

Mr. LINN—Select Committee—A bill to amend the charter of the town of Canton, Trigg county: passed.

Mr. M. J. COOK—Select Committee—A bill for the benefit of Aaron Johnson, late sheriff of Laurel county: referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. COLEMAN—A bill to authorize Calloway county court to change a State road: passed.

### LEAVE TO BRING IN BILLS.

Leave was given to bring in the following bills, which were appropriately referred, viz:

Mr. FOGLE—A bill for the benefit of P. W. Napier, late sheriff of Casey county.

Same—A bill for the benefit of the town of Liberty, in Casey county.

Mr. BROWN—A bill to incorporate the Hopkinsville Gymnastic Association.

Mr. GILBERT—A bill to legalize the April term of the Jackson Quarterly Court, held in April, 1860.

Same—A bill to change the time of holding the Jackson quarterly court.

Same—A bill to increase the tolls on coal, salt, and lumber boats ascending Kentucky river.

Mr. McFARLAND—A bill to amend the charter of the Owensboro' Deposit Bank.

Same—A bill to create the office of deputy marshal of Owensboro'.

Mr. HITT—A bill to incorporate the Carrollton and Northville Steam Navigation Company.

Mr. MACHEN—A bill to incorporate the Eddyville Male and Female Academy.

Mr. DOBYNS—A bill to amend the act for the better organization of the Kentucky militia.

Same—A bill to repeal an act establishing the institution for the Education and Training of Feeble Minded Children.

Mr. ROUMAN—A bill for the benefit of John M. Todd and W. K. Campbell.

Same—A bill for the benefit of the city of Frankfort.

Mr. CHAMBERS—A bill for the benefit of Geo. Noel, of Gallatin county.

Same—A bill to amend the charter of the Warsaw turnpike road company.

Mr. J. W. COOK—A bill for the benefit of D. A. Houseman, of Graves county.

Mr. IRELAND—A bill applying the general mechanics' lien law to Boyd county.

Same—A bill in relation to the town of Greensburg.

Same—A bill regulating the fees of surveyors in certain cases.

Mr. CLEARY—A bill defining the duties of circuit and county court clerks in certain cases.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Wm. McGowan and J. V. Dewey.

Same—A bill in relation to the Moore school fund of Harrison county.

Mr. DONAN—A bill for the benefit of Abijah Holt, of Hart county.

Same—A bill to establish the town of Hardyville, in Hart county.

Mr. LYNE—A bill for the benefit of the Henderson county court.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Wm. F. Quinn, of Henderson county.

Mr. LEACH—A bill to provide for the erection of five additional locks on the Kentucky river.

Mr. LANNOM—A bill to amend the law in relation to slaves.

Same—A bill to extend the jurisdiction of circuit courts in certain cases.

Mr. FISHER—A bill to incorporate a deposit bank at Nicholasville, Jessamine county.

Mr. CARLISLE—A bill for the benefit of Jacob Swigert, late clerk of the court of appeals.

Same—A bill to incorporate the Licking river mining and manufacturing company.

Same—A bill to amend the act, entitled, an act for the improvement of Licking river.

Same—A bill to provide for the payment of jailer's fees in certain cases.

Same—A bill to amend the criminal code of practice.

Mr. ELLIS—A bill to amend the common school laws.

Same—A bill to discontinue a portion of the old State road, known as the Alphin road.

Mr. WORD—A bill for the benefit of common school districts Nos. 16 and 32, in Knox county.

Mr. M. J. COOK—A bill to amend an act supplemental to an act, for the construction of a levee from the town of Hickman to the Tennessee line.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Wilson Brown, sr., of Rockcastle county.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Wm. T. Moren, late sheriff of Laurel county.

Mr. GOHEEN—A bill for the benefit of A. A. Nelson, of Benton, Marshall county.

Mr. THOMAS—A bill for the benefit of Seth Parker, sheriff of Lewis county.

Mr. BURNHAM—A bill for the benefit of the circuit court clerks of this Commonwealth.

Same—A bill for the benefit of John Miller, of Madison county.

Mr. RICHARDSON—A bill authorizing the Governor to issue bonds for the amount due to Meade county for Common School purposes.

Same—A bill to repeal an act, entitled, an act in relation to free negroes.

Mr. J. W. WHITE—A bill for the benefit of the Trustees of the Presbyterian church of Mount Sterling.

Same—A bill to amend an act passed last winter concerning free negroes.

Mr. SHAWHAN—A bill for the benefit of common schools in Muhlenburg county.

Mr. S. JOHNSON—A bill for the benefit of William Sutherland, of Nelson county.

Mr. GALE—A bill to incorporate a deposit bank in the town of New Liberty, Owen county.

Mr. GRIFFIN—A bill for the benefit of the sheriff of Pulaski county.

Same—A bill to charter the Pulaski county turnpike road company.

Mr. BOHANNON—A bill for the incorporation of the town of Christiansburg, in Shelby county.

Mr. F. NEEL—A bill to amend an act, entitled, an act incorporating the town of Shelbyville.

Mr. TERRY—A bill to repeal the 1287th

chapter of session acts of 1859-60, regulating fees for arresting runaway slaves, and to reenact the statutes in force regulating said fees at the passage of said act.

Same—A bill giving further time to sheriffs to pay in the balance of the unpaid revenue due for the year 1860.

Mr. TYE—A bill to require the common school commissioner of Whitley county to be elected by the qualified voters of said county.

Same—A bill for the benefit of A. J. Curd, late sheriff of Whitley county.

### BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. IRELAND—A bill to apply the general mechanics' lien law to the county of Boyd: amended so as to apply to the counties of Montgomery and Webster, and passed.

Same—A bill in relation to the town of Greensburg: passed.

Mr. CLEARY—A bill to amend the charter of the deposit bank of Cynthiana: passed.

Same—A bill to legalize certain proceedings of the Harrison county court, and for other purposes: passed.

Mr. LEACH—A bill to change the name of the Eminence high school: passed.

Same—A bill to enlarge the limits of the town of Pleasureville, Henry county: passed.

Mr. BUCKNER—A bill for the benefit of the Lexington and Newtown turnpike road company: passed.

Mr. GIBBER—A bill supplemental to an act, entitled, an act to amend an act concerning free negroes, &c.: passed.

Mr. WORD—A bill to amend the laws in relation to the Cumberland gap road, in Knox county: passed.

Mr. LACKY—A bill to amend the charter of the Knoblick turnpike road company: passed.

Mr. TEVIN—A bill concerning police and city courts, and fees of county attorneys: passed.

Mr. GOHEEN—A bill to change the time of holding the Livingston quarterly courts: passed.

Same—A bill for the benefit of school district No. 13, in Livingston county: passed.

Same—A bill authorizing the Marshall county court to establish a road from Haydock's ferry to Paducah: passed.

Same—A bill authorizing the Marshall county court to change a State road: passed.

Mr. THOMAS—A bill fixing the compensation of school commissioners in certain cases: referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. LUTTRELL—A bill to amend the charter of the Helena turnpike road in Mason county: passed.

Same—A bill to incorporate the United Irish Association of Mayville: passed.

Mr. HUSBANDS—A bill for the benefit of John C. Gibson, lessee of the Warsaw turnpike road: passed.

Mr. ABELL—A bill in reference to Magistrates' district, No. 3, in Mercer county: passed.

Mr. SHAWHAN—A bill to permit the trustees of Greenville to change a street in said town: passed.

Mr. MASSIE—A bill to exempt certain citizens of Spencer county from working roads: passed.

Mr. FINN—A bill for the benefit of sheriffs: [Extends provisions of the act approved March 24, 1860 to the year 1861:] referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. GOWDY—A bill to exempt certain persons from working on roads in Taylor county: referred to the committee on County Courts.

Mr. McELROY—A bill for the benefit of F. McClinton, constable of Webster county: referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Same—A bill for the benefit of Peter M. Green, of Union county: referred to the committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. TYE—A bill to authorize persons to make tunnels in Whitley county: passed.

### SPECIAL ORDER.

A bill to incorporate the Planters' Bank of Henderson: ordered to have its third reading at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

### LEAVE TO VOTE.

Messrs. HODGE and ABELL were permitted to record their votes in favor of Mr. GATHEIN's amendment to the resolutions from the Senate, in relation to a National Convention, and also in favor of the adoption of the resolutions as amended.

Mr. RICHARDSON had permission to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative on the same propositions.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The House then took up a bill creating a deposit bank at Greenville, Muhlenburg county: passed—yeas 47; nays 32.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. ALEXANDER offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the superintendent of the school established at the last session of the General Assembly, for the benefit of feeble-minded and imbecile children, be requested to report to the present General Assembly the number of pupils admitted to this date, their ages, sex, residence, and general progress.

Mr. ARMSTRONG offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be in order to introduce bills of a local character, without first obtaining leave.

Mr. M. J. COOK offered the following joint resolution, which, under the rule, lies one day on the table, viz:

Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That the Governor and Legislature of this Commonwealth should repel, with scorn and indignation, all southern and northern emissaries infesting, or which may infest, our capital, for the purpose of influencing our Representatives to a participation in their nefarious schemes of dissolution.

Messrs. CARLISLE and FINN offered a series of resolutions, which were ordered to be printed, and referred to the committee on Federal Relations. [Owing to the crowded state of our columns, we are compelled to omit them.]

And then the House adjourned.

### CHARLESTON, Jan. 23.

The battery on Sullivan's Island fired into a boat on Monday night, which approached with muffled oars. The sentinel warned them off and then fired; the boat turned away, and soon after he heard the boat hauled up at Fort Sumter, and one say he was wounded badly. Some say it was an effort made to spike the cannon, others that they were deserters.

The Senate on Tuesday refused the appropriation for telegraphs in the harbor.

A Jefferson Davis is expected to arrive here last night. He is talked of for President of the Southern Confederacy.

After the adjournment of the Legislature the sovereign convention will be called.

### MADISON, Wis., Jan. 23.

Timothy O. Howe, the Republican caucus nominee, was elected United States Senator by the Legislature to-day.

### Letter From Green County.

GREEN COUNTY, Ky., Jan. 22, 1861.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH—Sir: It is truly refreshing to the people of our county to have the satisfaction of now seeing, amid the strife of contending demagogues who have tried to rule and ruin our country, that we have yet the element of independence and patriotism sufficient in our legislature to guide us through the storm that is now raging around us.

We have watched with great solicitude the action of our General Assembly, and we are gratified to see, from the indications given, that there will not likely be anything done tending to secession, disunion, or revolution; and that amongst the great and good men now in our legislative council, Col. Hodge, although unknown, except by reputation, in this region, has shown himself, as we conceive, above the little party ties, and above the narrow, contracted, one horse politician. The propositions offered by him for the adjustment of our difficulties we deem covers all the ground, and should, we humbly conceive, meet the approval of all who love our common country. This proposition of Col. Hodge has exalted him in the estimation of our people; because, coming as it does from one who we had reason to suspect entertained disunion sentiments, we see in it the evidence of the patriot and statesman.

The move in the legislature in regard to hoisting the flag of the Union over the Capitol, was hailed here with rounds of applause. This simple act, under all the surrounding circumstances, carries with it more evidence of nationality, more dignity, and more lofty patriotism than is possessed by some of our sister States. We were glad to see the union of feeling manifested for it—in the Senate not a dissenting voice, and of course I suppose it was the same in the House.

We are all rejoicing at the news that we have yet the independence and patriotism in our legislature to rise above mere party abstractions, and to honor the stars and stripes of that glorious flag, which, though often bathed in the blood of heroes and friends of freedom, never yet trailed to the enemies of our Union, and that by the voice of Kentucky's representatives, that same old flag may yet be seen through the gloom of night floating over our Capitol. Long may it wave over the land of the free and home of the brave.

Respectfully yours,

[Uncommunicated.] Highland Coal Company, Union County, Kentucky.

The House of Representatives having referred the proposition to amend the charter of the Company, whose style is named in the caption to this article, made it the special order for the committee of the Whole for 10 o'clock, (this) Friday, A. M. It may be proper to state that the author of this, and the previous communication in your paper upon this subject, committed a slight error in stating figures. The security which the Company propose to give in addition to the \$1,500,000 specie bond, upon which the \$3,000,000 of paper money is proposed to be issued, is estimated at twenty-eight million one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, instead of twenty-nine million dollars, as stated in my former communication. Please insert this by way of correction.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

The following paper, prepared by Mr. Montgomery, was circulated to-day in the House, and among others, was signed by Becock and Martin, of Virginia, and Sickles, Florence, Montgomery, and Clements:

"We, the undersigned, of the 28th Congress







